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Applicant : DOILLON, Charles J. *et al.*
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Examiner : Javier G. Blanco

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RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450
U.S.A.

Dear Sir:

This letter is filed in response to the Official Communication of April 22, 2008.

Paragraph 1(a)

The Examiner contends that the Applicant did not specifically point out in its letter of January 18, 2008 the support in the original disclosure for each of the newly presented claim limitations for "a membrane **saturated** with a hydrating solution" and "a polyacrylamide **homopolymer**".

Support for "saturated" (a rehydrated membrane) may be found throughout the specification, and in particular at: